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10 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11 FOR THE COUNTY OF MARIN
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13	CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY)	CASE NO. 157 680
14	INTERNATIONAL, a California not-)	
	for-profit religious corporation,)	
15		)	[CONSOLIDATED]
16		)	DECLARATION OF LAURIE J.
	Plaintiff,	)	BARTILSON IN SUPPORT OF
17		)	PLAINTIFF'S REPLY TO
	vs.	)	ARMSTRONG'S OPPOSITION TO
18		)	MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER
		)	AND SANCTIONS
19)	
		)	DATE: March 9, 1995
20		)	TIME: 10:00 a.m.
	GERALD ARMSTRONG; DOES 1 through	)	DEPT: LAW AND MOTION
21	25, inclusive,)	HEARING JUDGE: DISCOVERY
)	REFEREE
22)	
	Defendants.)	
23)	TRIAL DATE: May 18, 1995

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1 LAURIE J. BARTILSON deposes and says:

2 1. My name is Laurie J. Bartilson and I am one of the
3 attorneys responsible for the representation of the plaintiff and
4 cross-defendant in this action. I have personal knowledge of the
5 facts set forth in this Declaration and could competently testify
6 thereto if called as a witness.

7 2. Attached hereto and incorporated herein are true and
8 correct copies of documents submitted as exhibits in support of
9 the Church of Scientology International's memorandum of points
10 and authorities in support of CSI's motion for protective order:

11 Exhibit A: Order of Preliminary Injunction, May 28,
12 1992;

13 Exhibit B: Opinion, Second District Court of Appeal, in
14 this case, dated May 16, 1994;

15 Exhibit C: Order Granting Summary Adjudication, January
16 27, 1995;

17 3. I did not receive any letter from Mr. Greene
18 accompanying the amended interrogatories which are the subject of
19 this protective order motion. Indeed, I still have not seen the
20 letter which Armstrong states he attaches to his declaration as
21 exhibit 10, because he did not fax to me any of the exhibits
22 which he claims to have attached to his declaration.

23 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the
24 State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

25 Executed this 4th day of March, 1995, at Los Angeles,
26 California.

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28 Laurie J. Bartilson

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA , COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Date: May 28, 1992
 Honorable Ronald M. Sohigian, Judge
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M. Cervantes, Deputy Clerk
 None (E.R.M.)

BC 052395

(Parties and Counsel checked if present)

Church of Scientology, International
 vs.

Counsel For
 Plaintiff

Gerald Armstrong, et al.

Counsel For
 Defendant

No Appearances

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: RULING ON MATTER TAKEN UNDER SUBMISSION ON MAY 27, 1992

In this matter heretofore taken under submission on May 27, 1992, the court now makes the following ruling.

1 Plaintiff's legal remedies are inadequate insofar as the scope of relief ordered below is concerned, but not otherwise. CCP 526(4) and (5).

2 The threatened acts which are restrained by the order referred to below, but only those threatened acts, would do irreparable harm to plaintiff which could not be compensated by monetary damages. CCP 526(2).

3 On the basis of the instant record, there is a reasonable probability that plaintiff will prevail after trial of this case in the respects restrained by this order. CCP 526(1); cf., San Francisco Newspaper Printing Co., Inc. vs. Superior Court (Miller) (1985) 170 Cal. App. 3d 438.

4 Plaintiff is likely to suffer greater injury from denial of the preliminary injunction the terms of which are set out below than the injury which defendant is likely to suffer if it is granted. See Robbins vs. Superior Court (County of Sacramento) (1985) 38 Cal. 3d 199, 206.

5 The granting of a preliminary injunction in the terms set out below will preserve the status quo pending trial.

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6 Application for preliminary injunction is granted in part, in the following respects only.

Defendant Gerald Armstrong, his agents, and persons acting in concert or conspiracy with him (excluding attorneys at law who are not said defendant's agents or retained by him) are restrained and enjoined during the pendency of this suit pending further order of court from doing directly or indirectly any of the following:

Voluntarily assisting any person (not a governmental organ or entity) intending to make, intending to press, intending to arbitrate, or intending to litigate a claim against the persons referred to in sec. 1 of the "Mutual Release of All Claims and Settlement Agreement" of December, 1986 regarding such claim or regarding pressing, arbitrating, or litigating it.

Voluntarily assisting any person (not a governmental organ or entity) arbitrating or litigating a claim against the persons referred to in sec. 1 of the "Mutual Release of All Claims and Settlement Agreement" of December, 1986.

The court does not intend by the foregoing to prohibit defendant Armstrong from: (a) being reasonably available for the service of subpoenas on him; (b) accepting service of subpoenas on him without physical resistance, obstructive tactics, or flight; (c) testifying fully and fairly in response to properly put questions either in deposition, at trial, or in other legal or arbitration proceedings; (d) properly reporting or disclosing to authorities criminal conduct of the persons referred to in sec. 1 of the "Mutual Release of All Claims and Settlement Agreement" of December, 1986; or (e) engaging in gainful employment rendering clerical or paralegal services not contrary to the terms and conditions of this order.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA , COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Date: May 28, 1992

Honorable Ronald M. Sohigian, Judge

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M. Cervantes, Deputy Clerk

None (E.R.M.)

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The application for preliminary injunction is otherwise denied.

7 The restraints referred to in sec. 6, above, will become effective upon plaintiff's posting an undertaking in the sum of \$70,000 pursuant to CCP 529(a) by 12:00 noon on June 5, 1992.

8 The restraints referred to in sec. 6, above, properly balance and accommodate the policies inherent in: (a) the protectable interests of the parties to this suit; (b) the protectable interests of the public at large; (c) the goal of attaining full and impartial justice through legitimate and properly informed civil and criminal judicial proceedings and arbitrations; (d) the gravity of interest involved in what the record demonstrates defendant might communicate in derogation of the contractual language; and (e) the reasonable interpretation of the "Mutual Release of All Claims and Settlement Agreement" of December, 1986. The fair interpretation of all the cases cited by the parties indicates that this is the correct decisional process. The law appropriately favors settlement agreements. Obviously, one limitation on freedom of contract is "public policy"; in determining what the scope of the public policy limitation on the parties' rights to enforcement of their agreement in the specific factual context of this case, the court has weighed the factors referred to in the first sentence of this section. Litigants have a substantial range of contractual freedom, even to the extent of agreeing not to assert or exercise rights which they might otherwise have. The instant record shows that plaintiff was substantially compensated as an aspect of the agreement, and does not persuasively support defendant's claim of duress or that the issues involved in this preliminary injunction proceeding were precluded by any prior decision.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA , COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Date: May 28, 1992
 Honorable Ronald M. Sohigian, Judge
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M. Cervantes, Deputy Clerk
 None (E.R.M.)

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9 The court does not dispositively decide the underlying merits of the case except for this preliminary determination. CCP 526(1); Baypoint Mortgage Corp. vs. Crest Premium Real Estate etc. Trust (1985) 168 Cal. App. 3d 818, 823.

10 Plaintiff is ordered give written notice by mail by June 5, 1992, including in that written notice a statement regarding whether plaintiff has or has not posted the undertaking referred to in sec. 7, above, and attaching to that written notice evidence showing that the undertaking has been posted if that is the fact.

DATED: May 28, 1992.

RONALD M. SOHIGIAN

 RONALD M. SOHIGIAN
 Judge of the Superior Court

A copy of this minute order is sent to counsel via United States mail this date.

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT
DIVISION FOUR

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL,)
)
Plaintiff and Respondent,)
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v.)
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GERALD ARMSTRONG,)
)
Defendant and Appellant.)
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No. B069450
(Super.Ct.No. BC052395)

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APPEAL from an order of the Superior Court of
Los Angeles County, Ronald M. Sohigian, Judge. Affirmed.

Ford Greene and Paul Morantz for Defendant and
Appellant.

Bowles & Moxon, Karen D. Holly, Wilson, Ryan &
Campilongo, Andrew H. Wilson, Rabinowitz, Boudin, Standard,
Krinsky & Lieberman, Eric M. Lieberman, and Michael Lee
Hertzberg for Plaintiff and Respondent.

Defendant and appellant Gerald Armstrong (Armstrong) appeals from an order granting a preliminary injunction restraining Armstrong from voluntarily giving assistance to other persons litigating or intending to litigate claims against plaintiff and respondent Church of Scientology International (Church).

The injunction was granted to enforce a settlement agreement in prior litigation between Armstrong and Church. In the settlement, Armstrong agreed he would not voluntarily assist other persons in proceedings against Church.

Armstrong does not deny violating his agreement but asserts numerous reasons why his agreement should not be enforceable. We conclude that the narrowly-limited preliminary injunction, which did not finally adjudicate the merits of Armstrong's claims, was not an abuse of the trial court's discretion to make orders maintaining the status quo and preventing irreparable harm pending the ultimate resolution of the merits.

FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Armstrong was a member of Church between 1969 and 1981. He became an insider of high rank, familiar with Church practices and documents. He became disillusioned and left Church in 1981. When he left, he took many Church documents with him.

The Prior Action and Settlement

Church brought the prior action against Armstrong seeking return of the documents, injunctive relief against further dissemination of information contained in them, and imposition of a constructive trust. Mary Sue Hubbard, wife of Church founder L. Ron Hubbard, intervened asserting various torts against Armstrong. Armstrong filed a cross-complaint seeking damages for fraud, intentional infliction of emotional distress, libel, breach of contract, and tortious interference with contract.

Church's complaint and Hubbard's complaint in intervention were tried in 1984 by Judge Breckenridge. That trial led to a judgment, eventually affirmed on appeal, holding Armstrong's conversion of the documents was justified because he believed the conversion necessary to protect himself from Church's claims that he had lied about Church matters and L. Ron Hubbard. (Church of Scientology v. Armstrong (1991) 232 Cal.App.3d 1060, 1063, 1073.)

Armstrong's cross-complaint in that case was settled in December 1986 by the settlement agreement which is the subject of the injunction in the present case.

In the settlement agreement, the parties mutually released each other from all claims, except the then-pending appeal of Judge Breckenridge's decision on Church's complaint, which was expressly excluded. The settlement involved a number

of persons engaged in litigation against Church, all represented by Attorney Michael Flynn. As a result of the settlement, Armstrong was paid \$800,000. Armstrong's cross-complaint was dismissed with prejudice, as agreed, on December 11, 1986.

The portions of the settlement agreement most pertinent to this appeal are paragraphs 7-G, 7-H, and 10, in which Armstrong agreed not to voluntarily assist other persons intending to engage in litigation or other activities adverse to Church.^{1/}

1. "G. Plaintiff agrees that he will not voluntarily assist or cooperate with any person adverse to Scientology in any proceeding against any of the Scientology organizations, individuals, or entities listed in Paragraph 1 above. Plaintiff also agrees that he will not cooperate in any manner with any organizations aligned against Scientology. [¶] H. Plaintiff agrees not to testify or otherwise participate in any other judicial, administrative or legislative proceeding adverse to Scientology or any of the Scientology Churches, individuals or entities listed in Paragraph 1 above unless compelled to do so by lawful subpoena or other lawful process. Plaintiff shall not make himself amenable to service of any such subpoena in a manner which invalidates the intent of this provision. Unless required to do so by such subpoena, Plaintiff agrees not to discuss this litigation or his experiences with and knowledge of the Church with anyone other than members of his immediate family. As provided hereinafter in Paragraph 18(d), the contents of this Agreement may not be disclosed. [¶] . . . 10. Plaintiff agrees that he will not assist or advise anyone, including individuals, partnerships, associations, corporations, or governmental agencies contemplating any claim or engaged in litigation or involved in or contemplating any activity adverse to the interests of any entity or class of persons listed above in Paragraph 1 of this Agreement."

Paragraph 20 of the agreement authorizes its enforcement by injunction.

The Present Action

In February 1992, Church filed a complaint in the present action alleging Armstrong's violation of the settlement agreement and seeking damages and injunctive relief.

In support of its motion for a preliminary injunction, Church presented evidence that since June 1991 Armstrong had violated the agreement by working as a paralegal for attorneys representing clients engaged in litigation against Church and by voluntarily and gratuitously providing evidence for such litigation. Armstrong worked as a paralegal for Attorney Joseph Yanny, who represented Richard and Vicki Aznaran in a multimillion dollar suit against Church in federal court. Armstrong also voluntarily provided declarations for use in the Aznarans' case. Armstrong thereafter worked for Attorney Ford Greene on the Aznaran and other Church related matters.

Armstrong did not deny the charged conduct but asserted the settlement agreement was not enforceable for various reasons, primarily that it was against public policy and that he signed it under duress.

The Trial Court's Preliminary Injunction

The trial court granted a limited preliminary injunction, with exceptions which addressed Armstrong's

argument that the settlement agreement violated public policy by requiring suppression of evidence in judicial proceedings.

The court found that Armstrong voluntarily entered the settlement agreement for which he received substantial compensation, and that Armstrong was unlikely to prevail on his duress claim. The court found that Armstrong could contract as part of the settlement to refrain from exercising various rights which he would otherwise have. Balancing the interim harms to the parties, the court found that to the extent of the limited acts covered by the preliminary injunction, Church would suffer irreparable harm which could not be compensated by monetary damages, and harm for which monetary damages would be difficult to calculate. (Code Civ. Proc., § 526, subds. (a)(2), (a)(4), (a)(5).)

The court's order provides, in pertinent part:

"Application for preliminary injunction is granted in part, in the following respects only. [¶] Defendant Gerald Armstrong, his agents, and persons acting in concert or conspiracy with him (excluding attorneys at law who are not said defendant's agents or retained by him) are restrained and enjoined during the pendency of this suit pending further order of court from doing directly or indirectly any of the following: [¶] Voluntarily assisting any person (not a governmental organ or entity) intending to make, intending to press, intending to arbitrate, or intending to litigate a claim against the persons

referred to in sec. 1 of the 'Mutual Release of All Claims and Settlement Agreement' of December, 1986 regarding such claim or regarding pressing, arbitrating, or litigating it. [¶]

Voluntarily assisting any person (not a governmental organ or entity) arbitrating or litigating a claim against the persons referred to in sec. 1 of the 'Mutual Release of All Claims and Settlement Agreement' of December, 1986."

The court provided the following exceptions to address Armstrong's public policy arguments: "The court does not intend by the foregoing to prohibit defendant Armstrong from: (a) being reasonably available for the service of subpoenas on him; (b) accepting service of subpoenas on him without physical resistance, obstructive tactics, or flight; (c) testifying fully and fairly in response to properly put questions either in deposition, at trial, or in other legal or arbitration proceedings; (d) properly reporting or disclosing to authorities criminal conduct of the persons referred to in sec. 1 of the 'Mutual Release of All Claims and Settlement Agreement' of December, 1986; or (e) engaging in gainful employment rendering clerical or paralegal services not contrary to the terms and conditions of this order."

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DISCUSSION

The grant of a preliminary injunction does not adjudicate the ultimate rights in controversy between the parties. It merely determines that the court, balancing the relative equities of the parties, concludes that, pending a trial on the merits, the defendant should be restrained from exercising the right claimed. The purpose of the injunction is to preserve the status quo until a final determination of the merits of the action. (Continental Baking Co. v. Katz (1968) 68 Cal.2d 512, 528.)

The court considers two interrelated factors. The first is the likelihood the plaintiff will prevail at trial. The second is the interim harm the plaintiff is likely to sustain if the injunction is denied, as compared to the harm the defendant is likely to suffer if the injunction is granted. (Cohen v. Board of Supervisors (1985) 40 Cal.3d 277, 286.)

The decision to grant or deny a preliminary injunction rests in the discretion of the trial court. Accordingly, an appellate court's review on appeal from the granting of a preliminary injunction is very limited. The burden is on the appellant to make a clear showing that the trial court abused its discretion. (IT Corp. v. County of Imperial (1983) 35 Cal.3d 63, 69; Nutro Products, Inc. v. Cole Grain Co. (1992) 3

Cal.App.4th 860, 865.) Abuse of discretion means the trial court has exceeded the bounds of reason or contravened the uncontradicted evidence. (IT Corp. v. County of Imperial, supra, 35 Cal.3d at p. 69.)

Here, the trial court's memorandum decision reflects very careful consideration of the factors relevant to the granting of a preliminary injunction. The court weighed the relative harms to the parties and balanced the interests asserted by Armstrong. The court granted a limited preliminary injunction with exclusions protecting the countervailing interests asserted by Armstrong. We find no abuse of discretion. We cannot say that the trial court erred as a matter of law in weighing the hardships or in determining there is a reasonable probability Church would ultimately prevail to the limited extent reflected by the terms of the preliminary injunction.

Although Armstrong's "freedom of speech" is affected, it is clear that a party may voluntarily by contract agree to limit his freedom of speech. (See In re Steinberg (1983) 148 Cal.App.3d 14, 18-20 [filmmaker agreed to prior restraint on distribution of film]; ITT Telecom Products Corp. v. Dooley (1989) 214 Cal.App.3d 307, 319 [employee's agreement not to disclose confidential information; "it is possible to waive even First Amendment free speech rights by contract"]; Snapp v. United States (1980) 444 U.S. 507, 509, fn. 3 [book by CIA

employee subject to prepublication clearance by terms of his employment contract].)

The exceptions in the trial court's injunction assured that the injunction would not serve to suppress evidence in legal proceedings. The injunction expressly did not restrain Armstrong from accepting service of subpoenas, testifying fully and fairly in legal proceedings, and reporting criminal conduct to the authorities. (See Philippine Export & Foreign Loan Guarantee Corp. v. Chuidian (1990) 218 Cal.App.3d 1058, 1081-1082.) This contrasts with the stipulation in Mary R. v. B. & R. Corp. (1983) 149 Cal.App.3d 308, 315-316, cited by Armstrong, which prevented a party from disclosing misconduct to regulatory authorities.

This appeal is only from the granting of a preliminary injunction which expressly did not decide the ultimate merits. As limited by the trial court here, the preliminary injunction merely restrains, for the time being, Armstrong's voluntary intermeddling in other litigation against Church, in violation of his own agreement. We decline any extended discussion of Armstrong's shotgun-style brief, which offers more than a dozen separate contentions against enforcement. It suffices to say that Armstrong has not borne his burden on appeal to demonstrate a clear abuse of discretion.

DISPOSITION

The order granting a preliminary injunction is affirmed.

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED

VOGEL (C.S.), Acting P.J.

We concur:

HASTINGS, J.

KLEIN (Brett), J.*

*Assigned by the Chairperson of the Judicial Council.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT
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DIVISION: 4 DATE: 05/16/94

Bowles & Moxon
Laurie J. Bartilson
6255 Sunset Blvd
Suite 2000
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RE: Church of Scientology International
vs.
Armstrong, Gerald
2 Civil B069450
Los Angeles NO. BC052395

LAW & MOTION, CIVIL CALENDAR

RULINGS

TIME: 9:00

DATE: 1/27/95

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JUDGE: GARY W. THOMAS

REPORTER: E. PASSARIS

CLERK: J. BENASSINI

CASE NO: 157680

TITLE OF ACTION: CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY V. GERALD ARMSTRONG

THE MOTION OF PLAINTIFF FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF ISSUES IS GRANTED AS TO THE FOURTH AND SIXTH CAUSES OF ACTION AND DENIED AS TO THE ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION.

AS TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION, DEFENDANT FAILS TO RAISE A TRIABLE ISSUE AS TO WHETHER THE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES PROVISION IS INVALID. DEFENDANT RELIES ON THE LAW AS IT EXISTED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1978. (SEE UNITED SAV. & LOAN ASSN. V. REEDER DEV. CORP. (1976) 57 CAL.APP.3D 282 AND EARLIER VERSIONS OF CIV. CODE, §§ 1670 AND 1671.) THE LAW NOW PRESUMES THAT LIQUIDATED DAMAGES PROVISIONS ARE "VALID UNLESS THE PARTY SEEKING TO INVALIDATE THE PROVISION ESTABLISHES THAT THE PROVISION WAS UNREASONABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES EXISTING AT THE TIME THE CONTRACT WAS MADE." (CIV. CODE, § 1671, SUBD. (b).) DEFENDANT'S EVIDENCE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO RAISE A TRIABLE ISSUE IN THAT REGARD. ALTHOUGH DEFENDANT STATES IN HIS DECLARATION THAT HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATING THE PROVISION (SEE D'S EX. 1, ¶12), HE GOES ON TO STATE THAT HE DISCUSSED THE PROVISION WITH TWO ATTORNEYS BEFORE SIGNING THE AGREEMENT. (ID., ¶¶12-13.) THUS, HE CLEARLY KNEW OF THE PROVISION YET CHOSE TO SIGN IT. HE HAS NOT SHOWN THAT HE HAD UNEQUAL BARGAINING POWER OR THAT HE MADE ANY EFFORTS TO BARGAIN OR NEGOTIATE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROVISION. (SEE H. S. PERLIN CO. V. MORSE SIGNAL DEVICES (1989) 209 CAL.APP.3D 1289.) DEFENDANT NEXT STATES THAT PLAINTIFF'S ACTUAL DAMAGES ARE ZERO. (D'S EX. 1, ¶12.) HOWEVER, "THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGES ACTUALLY SUFFERED HAS NO BEARING ON THE VALIDITY OF THE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES PROVISION..." (SEE LAW REVISION COMMISSION COMMENT TO § 1671.) FINALLY, DEFENDANT POINTS TO THE FACT THAT OTHER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS CONTAIN A \$10,000 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES PROVISION. (SEE D'S EXS. 2C AND 2D.) THIS ALONE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO RAISE A TRIABLE ISSUE IN THAT DEFENDANT HAS NOT SHOWN THAT CIRCUMSTANCES DID NOT CHANGE BETWEEN 12/86 AND 4/87 AND THAT THOSE SETTLING PARTIES STAND IN THE SAME OR SIMILAR POSITION TO DEFENDANT (I.E., THAT THEY WERE AS HIGH UP IN THE ORGANIZATION AND COULD CAUSE AS MUCH DAMAGE BY SPEAKING OUT AGAINST PLAINTIFF OR THAT THEY HAVE/HAD ACCESS TO AS MUCH INFORMATION AS DEFENDANT).

LAW & MOTION, CIVIL CALENDAR

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DEFENDANT ALSO HAS NOT RAISED A TRIABLE ISSUE REGARDING DURESS. DEFENDANT'S OWN DECLARATION SHOWS HE DID NOT EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT UNDER DURESS IN THAT IT SHOWS THAT HE CAREFULLY WEIGHED HIS OPTIONS. (SEE D'S EX. 1, ¶10.) IT CERTAINLY DOES NOT SHOW THAT HE DID SOMETHING AGAINST HIS WILL OR HAD "NO REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE TO SUCCUMBING." (SEE IN RE MARRIAGE OF BALTINS (1989) 212 CAL.APP.3D 66, 84.) IN ADDITION, DEFENDANT IS RELYING ON THE CONDUCT OF A THIRD PARTY (FLYNN) TO ESTABLISH DURESS, YET HE SETS FORTH NO FACT OR EVIDENCE IN HIS SEPARATE STATEMENT SHOWING THAT PLAINTIFF HAD REASON TO KNOW OF THE DURESS. (SEE LEEPER V. BELTRAMI (1959) 53 CAL.2D 195, 206.)

AS TO THE FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTRARY TO DEFENDANT'S ARGUMENT, THE SUBJECT DECLARATION DOES MORE THAN MERELY AUTHENTICATE DOCUMENTS. (SEE P'S EX. 1(A)(11), ¶¶1-3.) THE COURT FINDS THAT THE DECLARATION CONSTITUTES A DISCLOSURE OF DEFENDANT'S "EXPERIENCES WITH" PLAINTIFF OR "KNOWLEDGE OR INFORMATION" CONCERNING PLAINTIFF AND HUBBARD. (SEE P'S EX. 1B, ¶7D.) DEFENDANT FAILS TO RAISE A TRIABLE ISSUE REGARDING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE/ SUPPRESSION OF EVIDENCE. THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT EXPRESSLY DOES NOT PROHIBIT DEFENDANT FROM DISCLOSING INFORMATION PURSUANT TO SUBPOENA OR OTHER LEGAL PROCESS. (SEE P'S EX. 1B, ¶7H; CONTRAST WITH PEN. CODE, §§ 136.1 AND 138, WILLIAMSON V. SUPERIOR COURT (1978) 21 CAL.3D 829, PEOPLE V. PIC'L (1982) 31 CAL.3D 731.) NOR IS PLAINTIFF IN THIS CAUSE OF ACTION SEEKING TO PROHIBIT DISCLOSURE TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS PURSUANT TO STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS. (CONTRAST WITH MARY R. V. B. & R. CORP. (1983) 149 CAL.APP.3D 308 AND ALLEN V. JORDANOS' INC. (1975) 52 CAL.APP.3D 160.) EVEN IF A PORTION OF THE AGREEMENT COULD BE CONSTRUED TO SO PROHIBIT (SEE, E.G., ¶10), PLAINTIFF IS NOT RELYING ON THAT SECTION. NOR HAS DEFENDANT SHOWN THAT THE PROVISION IS SO SUBSTANTIAL AS TO RENDER THE ENTIRE CONTRACT ILLEGAL. (CONTRAST WITH ALLEN, SUPRA, 52 CAL.APP.3D AT 166.)

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AS TO THE SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION, DEFENDANT FAILS TO RAISE A TRIABLE ISSUE REGARDING THE CNN INTERVIEW. DEFENDANT ADMITTED IN HIS DEPOSITION THAT HIS CONVERSATION WITH CNN INVOLVED KNOWLEDGE HE HAD GAINED BECAUSE OF HIS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH THE ORGANIZATION (P'S EX. 1A AT 344:1-4), THUS REFUTING HIS ARGUMENTS THAT HIS STATEMENT WAS BASED ON KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED AFTER THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND THAT HIS INTERVIEW WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE INSTANT LITIGATION. IN ADDITION, PLAINTIFF SET FORTH NO FACTS OR EVIDENCE IN HIS SEPARATE STATEMENT SHOWING THAT HE COULD DISCLOSE INFORMATION ACQUIRED AFTER EXECUTION OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OR THAT HE COULD MAKE SUCH STATEMENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF FUTURE LITIGATION. FINALLY, THERE IS NOTHING IN THE STATEMENT WHICH TIES IT TO EITHER OF THE ARGUMENTS RAISED BY DEFENDANT. DEFENDANT ALSO FAILS TO RAISE A TRIABLE ISSUE REGARDING THE AMERICAN LAWYER INTERVIEW. DEFENDANT'S CLAIM THAT HE ONLY DISCUSSED THE INSTANT LITIGATION IS REFUTED BY HIS OWN ADMISSION THAT HE DISCUSSED "THE PLIGHT OF THE ORGANIZATION [AND] WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO END ITS LEGAL TROUBLES." (D'S EX. 1D AT 352:15-19.) DEFENDANT'S CLAIM THAT HIS DISCUSSION INVOLVED "NOTHING MORE THAN WHAT JUDGE BRECKENRIDGE STATED IN HIS DECISION IN ARMSTRONG I" IS REFUTED BY HIS ADMISSION THAT HE DID NOT RECALL DISCUSSING THE BRECKENRIDGE OPINION WITH THE REPORTER. (D'S EX. 1D AT 358:20-23.) FURTHER, DEFENDANT POINTS TO NOTHING IN JUDGE BRECKENRIDGE'S OPINION WHICH COINCIDES TO THOSE MATTERS DISCUSSED BY DEFENDANT.

AS TO THE ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION, PLAINTIFF HAS NOT SHOWN THAT DEFENDANT VIOLATED PARAGRAPH 7D OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. THE DECLARATION RELIED ON BY PLAINTIFF (P'S EX. 1(A)(8)) DOES NOT DISCLOSE DEFENDANT'S "EXPERIENCES WITH THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY [OR] ANY KNOWLEDGE OR INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY..."

SUPERIOR COURT, MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
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DEFENDANT ARMSTRONG FILED A SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION AND EVIDENCE SIX DAYS LATE. THE COURT DID NOT PERMIT SAME. THE PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO STRIKE THE SUPPLEMENTAL PAPERS FROM THE FILE IS GRANTED. PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR SANCTIONS IS GRANTED. DEFENDANTS KNEW THE LATENESS OF THE FILING, SOME SIX DAYS. THERE WAS AMPLE TIME TO SEEK THE COURT'S PERMISSION FOR A LATE FILING. PERMISSION WAS NOT SOUGHT. SANCTIONS REQUESTED BY PLAINTIFF PURSUANT TO SECTION 437C(i) ARE GRANTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700, AS THE COURT FINDS THIS SIX-DAYS LATE FILING TO BE IN BAD FAITH.